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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with R. C. Harpman on December 12, 2005.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 7 and 8 have been CANCELLED.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record do not anticipate nor do they reasonably suggest the self-opening folding knife as claimed in claim 1. The closest prior art, Taylor, Jr. (US 6,834,432), teaches a folding knife comprising many of the claimed elements including, inter alia, a tab (adjacent reference 20 in the Figures). However, Taylor, Jr. lacks the notch as claimed. Moreover, none of the other prior art of record fairly teach or suggest this lacking feature. Thus, it is believed that the claimed invention with the lacking feature in combination with all the other recited elements is allowable over the prior art of record.

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3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

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examiner should be directed to Charles Goodman whose telephone number is (571) 272-4508. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday between 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Allan Shoap, can be reached on (571) 272-4514. In lieu of mailing, it is encouraged that all formal responses be faxed to (571) 273-8300.

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